

# CREATING A STUDY PLAN: Less than 7 days

If you have less than 7 days until your next big exam, check out this study plan to help you prioritize and get the grade you want!

## 1. Take a look at the time you have available to study.

- Be honest with yourself. If you have 5 free hours on Monday but know you will not spend all 5 hours studying, write down 3.
- Take advantage of time before classes, during class breaks, and after classes have ended.

## 2. Set your priorities for each day.

- Identify what you need to study/memorize for your test.
- Consider each main topic as parts of the BIG PICTURE. What are the main ideas covered for this exam? What chapters do you need to study for the test?
- Once you have the BIG PICTURE topics, break each of them down into smaller parts that you need to study. These smaller parts can include vocabulary, readings, or equations.
- Determine which areas you need to practice, and which areas you feel confident in. Focus more on the areas you need to practice, and don't forget to take full advantage of your resources! (SI, tutoring, office hours, study groups, TAs, online tutorials).

## 3. Choose your study style.

- Check out our Tutor Iowa worksheet on General Study Skills and see which techniques work best for you!
- Consider what time of day you study best.
- Study the material you need the most practice with first, then review the material you feel confident with later.

## 4. Stick to your plan!

- You have spent all of this time preparing, so now it is time to actually start studying!
- Choose the best location for YOU. If you need absolute silence, consider checking out one of the top floors at the library. If you like some noise while you are studying, check out your floor's lounge, Hubbard Commons, or Java House!

If you stick to your study plan and study each day, you should achieve the grades you want!

